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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Group Art Unit:
Filed: November 14, 2001) Examiner:
For: SUPERCONDUCTING CABLE)
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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following headings and new paragraph as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the priority of European Patent Application No. 00124788.1, filed November 14, 2000, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/249,463, filed November 20, 2000, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

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REMARKS

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

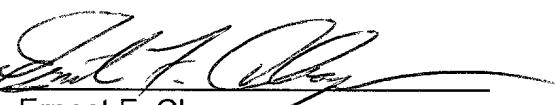
The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

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